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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, KS, KN

SUBJECT: APRIL 17 DMZ ARMED INCIDENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: APRIL 17 DMZ INCIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE INVOLVED
A 3- MAN NORTH KOREAN PATROL ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION WITHIN
DMZ. MND ANNOUNCED INCIDENT PUBLICLY AT 1000 HOURS APRIL 18.
UNC/ MAC IS PROPOSING MAC MEETING APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS MATTER.
END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 17 INFILTRATION INCIDENT IN DMZ HAS BEEN REPORTED IN
MILITARY CHANNELS. UNC/ MAC, WHICH HAS HAD TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS
AT SITE TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT, INFORMS US THAT MAIN ELEMENTS
EMERGE AS FOLLOWS: SMALL ROK PATROL INTERCEPTED THREE NORTH
KOREAN INTRUDERS GOING SOUTH ON TRAIL IN BRUSH AT ABOUT 2330
HOURS APRIL 17 SOME 1500 METERS SOUTH OF MDL; CLAYMORE MINES
WERE DISCHARGED AND SMALL ARMS FIRED; ROK FORCES HAVE RECOVERED
THE BODIES OF TWO NORTH KOREANS WEARING FATIGUES OVER STANDARD
NORTH KOREAN FIELD UNIFORMS; A BULLET- RIDDLED, BLOOD STAINED
JACKET FOUND PRESUMABLY BELONGS TO THIRD PERSON WHO APPARENTLY
ESCAPED; OTHER ARTICLES FOUND INCLUDE SMALL MAP COVERING AREA OF
INCIDENT BUT NOT AREAS OUTSIDE DMZ, THREE AK-47' S, NK GRENADES AND
AK-47 AMMO, FOOD FOR 3 MEN FOR 3 DAYS.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CASE WITH UNC SENIOR MAC MEMBER WHOSE
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CONCLUSION, ON BASIS HIS PERSONAL VISITS TO DMZ IN PAST AND
REPORT OF THESE TWO OFFICERS. BANGLADESH ELECTIONS MOVE OF THIS

CHARACTER WOULD, AS IT HAS, EVENTUATE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW
THAT DECISION BY BANGLADESH TO ABANDON DEMAND FOR
RECOGNITION AS PREREQUISITE TO REPATRIATION OF POWS IS
HEARTENING AND HOPED THAT IT MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR
FURTHER ADVANCES, POSSIBLY LEADING TO ANOTHER INDO- PAK
MEETING. SULTAN KHAN REPLIED THAT IT CLEAR THAT
DECLARATION WOULD RECEIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND WAS
CONFIDENT THAT DOOR WOULD BE KEPT OPEN. ROGERS

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